

Suicidal thoughts not uncommon among students

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The times spent with friends are often the times people wish would never end. The stories, laughs and good times shared are priceless.

One moment, you are laughing with your best friend, hours passing like minutes, minutes like seconds.

And then they're gone. Dead.

It's so permanent.

What happened? Why? You might keep telling yourself it is not real.

Most times, there are warning signs. Others, however, are inexplicable.

On Sept. 14, Northwest student James Smith died by an apparent suicide.

The unfortunate truth is hard to grasp. According to a study by Emory University, one in 10 college students has made a plan for suicide.

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McAdams' departure creates second dean vacancy

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The University will be down another dean to start next semester since Charles McAdams accepted a job at Delta State University.

McAdams has served as the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences for the past 10 years and will become the provost and vice president of academic affairs at Delta State in Cleveland, Miss.

Provost Doug Dunham outlined the challenges and opportunities that a candidate search such as this one holds for Northwest.

"(With) any of the deans' positions, one of the primary characteristics would be strategic thinking," Dunham said. "We really need somebody in there who could help us see forward three to five years."



Charles McAdams

"In the arts and sciences position in particular, we need somebody who is committed to a liberal education."

Dunham is already on the search for a dean to head the Melvin D. and Valerie G. Booth College of Business and Professional Studies, which has been vacant since July 29, 2011.

In April 2012, John Groesbeck was listed as a finalist for the position, but denied the offer, electing instead to go to Missouri Southern State University.

Last April Dunham spoke about the trouble with finding a qualified person to take the position after the denied offer.

"(The search) has not been suspended; instead, I am referring to this as an unsuccessful search," Dunham said. "We will be con-

ducting a new search and soliciting another round of candidates in the future."

This past week, he said they had yet to find someone to fill the other open position at the College of Business, but the search is being continued.

Northwest officials announced McAdams departure Sept. 9. McAdams starts his new job Dec. 1. He said he has embraced his time at Northwest but looks forward to reaching the next level professionally.

"I have enjoyed very much my time here at Northwest," McAdams said. "It is an opportunity for me to go to the next administrative level.

"I have no doubt Northwest will be able to find someone very qualified for this position," McAdams said.

Dunham said that he would be meeting with the president and vice president of the University this week to start the process of finding a suitable replacement for McAdams.

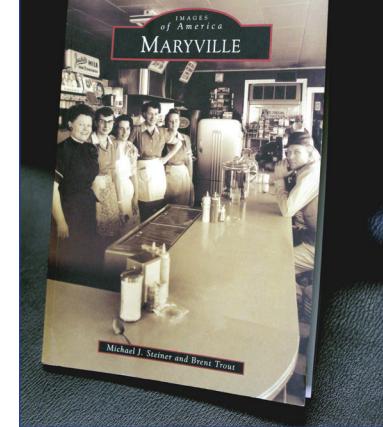
Professor, student publish Maryville's untold history

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At first glance, Maryville does not appear to be rich in history. But, a professor and graduate student challenged that judgement with the release of "Maryville (Images of America)"

"Maryville" was written by Michael Steiner, chair of the department of humanities and social sciences, and graduate student Brent Trout. The book contains more than 200 black and white pictures accompanied by 70 word captions from throughout Maryville's history. It is part of a larger series distributed by Arcadia Publishing called "Images of America."



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"Maryville (Images of America)" tells the city's history in photos and research.

"Pictures give you a kind of good-ole-days warmth because you can experience the time selectively," Steiner said. "You can look at an image of a butcher shop that was hot, and the meat was spoiled, but you can romanticize it rather than suffer through actually being hot and eating spoiled meat and swatting flies away. All of the discomfort is gone." Putting the book together was not as romantic a process, however.

"The book is 200 research projects," Steiner said. They collected photographs from the Nodaway County Historical Society, newspapers, the University archives and ordinary citizens.

"We had to figure out when is this? Who is this? Where is this?" Trout said.

Their investigations frequently involved blowing up the pictures in search of small identifying details,

such as a street sign, or calendar hanging on the wall behind the person posing for the camera.

"It became like a labor of love," Trout said. "You get addicted to it."

As painstaking as the process was, the payoff is a stroll through the history of a small town with an unexpected social richness. One photo depicts an unusual performance for a charity event. In Shakespearean style, cross-dressed men acted out a wedding that unraveled as accusations of infidelity surfaced. The king of England, Moses, and Father Time made appearances.

Maryville history was wealthier culturally than one typically imagines when one thinks of a small town as well.

"There was a pretty significant population of African Americans here," Steiner said. "Anytime folks would set up for a photograph, African Americans in the community wanted to remind people that they were here, so they would show up."

In one image from 1910, a woman named Edith Davenport Miller stands on a rock with 'Votes for Women' written on it.

Each picture in the book not only says something important about the world it survived, it means something important to the people who look at it now.

"You explore an image, look at it and think in terms of how people lived so radically different," Steiner said. "You get a better appreciation for how much better things are in some respects, but also some appreciation for what might have been better about living in those times, for how we got to the place we are now, how things transform and change."

One thing Steiner and Trout highlighted in the book was the sense of pride and ownership in community Maryvillians hold dear.

"This is a particularly interesting place because there is this migrant population of university students who, during the time that they're here, sort of fasten onto that pride and ownership," Steiner said.

"One of the things that you hope with a book like this is to get young people thinking, 'I live here, this is my place, this is a cool place,' and to take that same kind of ownership in the community that folks did then."



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Eric Foner is a Pulitzer Prize-winning author for his most recent book "The Fiery Trial: Abraham Lincoln and American Slavery." Foner spoke at the University's annual Constitution Day program.

Pulitzer winning historian talks Constitution

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Northwest welcomed a Pulitzer Prize-winning author and professor of history at Columbia University Tuesday for the annual Constitution Day program.

Eric Foner, Ph.D., has been recognized as one of the nation's most prominent historians.

Foner addressed how the definition of rights and citizenship for all Americans is constantly being challenged and re-evaluated as time evolves.

"(My point was) how the Civil War changed the Constitution, and the takeaway, so to speak, is that the destruction of slavery changed (this definition of rights in America)," Foner said.

His lecture was relevant for stu-

dents, explaining that "the federal government, not the states, is the main definer and enforcer of the rights of citizens." Foner also explained how this constitutional definition has been altered since the Civil War.

"I have been working for a couple years to get Dr. Foner on campus," said Michael Steiner, chair of the department of history and social sciences. "Having read his work, I anticipate an incredibly smart and engaging presentation."

Steiner's been quoted in the past as saying that Foner "is among the country's most important current historians."

So when he had the opportunity to get him to Northwest, he jumped at it.

"(I wanted students) to simply recognize the value of scholarship

in the hands of well-read, thoughtful and insightful scholars," Steiner said, "to glean from the topic of the evening's presentation a greater understanding of the shifting meaning of the Constitution, and how major events, like the Civil War, have altered it."

Foner has served as the president for many professional historian organizations and is only the second person to serve as president of the three major professional organizations for historians: the Organization of American Historians, American Historical Association and Society of American Historians. Foner has also won the Presidential Award for Outstanding Teaching from Columbia University. He won the Pulitzer Prize in 2011 for his most recent book, "The Fiery Trial: Abraham Lincoln and American Slavery."

one county alone, three permits were granted to people who cannot legally drive.

"At what point do vision problems have a detrimental effect to fire a firearm? If you see nothing but a blurry mass in front of you, then I would say you probably shouldn't be shooting something," said John LeClerc, Delaware County, Iowa sheriff.

SEE **GUN LAW** | A5

Blind not prohibited gun permits by Iowa law

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Recent changes to Iowa state law prohibits the government from using physical ability as the basis to deny someone a gun permit.

The Des Moines Register reported recently that the changes to Iowa's laws, made in January 2011, allow visually impaired or blind citizens to obtain gun permits.

The story spawned a media frenzy that added yet another dimension to the public debates about gun control.

"I cannot imagine that any of the Founding Fathers, who were highly intelligent people, sat there and thought, 'Yes, it is perfectly correct and reasonable that somebody who's blind should be able to buy an AR-15 at Wal-Mart,'" said Piers Morgan of CNN in a televised debate.

Since the law went into effect, in

University named military friendly for consecutive years



BROOKLYN SUMMERVILLE | NW MISSOURIAN

Freshman Cadet Kristopher Smith hands in an assignment to Peer Advisor Jonathan Sielaff in Freshman Seminar Tuesday.

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Northwest has been recognized for its ability to recruit military students and ensure their success by Victory Media.

This marks the second year in a row that Northwest has made the list, which includes the top 20 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools. The Victory Media team surveys over 12,000 higher-level schools for institutions who help military personnel and veterans find the best school for their needs.

The survey findings are compiled and weighed to determine a final score based on a number of categories, including military support on campus, academic credibility, percent of military students and academic credit for military service.

In a press release from Sept. 17, peer advisor Jonathan Sielaff spoke of his experience with the resources and support he received from Northwest.

"Everywhere I looked at Northwest, every office and department, there was unwavering support for veterans and service members," Sielaff said. "Their hard work to improve our experience at Northwest is noticed."

Military personnel at Northwest receive tuition assistance which helps pay for most of their college. Students that leave for active duty can also do so without any university penalty.

Mark Corson, department chair of natural science, is an example of Northwest's flexibility with military personnel.

"During my employment here at Northwest, I did a tour in Kosovo and two tours in Iraq, and the University was extremely supportive in allowing me to take military leave for six semesters total," Corson said. "Not only was there no penalty, but Northwest was supportive in helping me get back on board."

Northwest is also Veteran's Association approved. The school gives credit for the College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) and DANATES Subject Standardized Tests (DSST), which play a big role in Northwest making the list.

"We hope this designation is an indication of the respect Northwest has for these men and women who are serving our country and our commitment to help make their transition to college as easy and seamless as possible," said Del Morley, Northwest's director of financial assistance.

As well as Northwest's ROTC program, the National Guard's Military base is located only three miles from the campus. Northwest also offers a variety of scholarships for military personnel through military organizations, such as the Northwest Student Veteran's Association.

Northwest not ranked among top 100

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US News and World Report, an online news outlet, has released its annual 'Best Universities of the Midwest' rankings. Northwest Missouri State University was omitted from the top 100.

Universities listed before Northwest include Drury University of Springfield, Rockhurst University of Kansas City, Webster University of St. Louis and the overall number 10 school, Truman State University of Kirksville. Altogether, eight Missouri Universities broke the top 100. Northwest is listed as number 102.

The rankings for universities are broken down into four regions: North, South, Midwest and West. The website states that "Regional Universities offer a full range of undergrad programs and some master's programs but few doctoral programs."

Provost Doug Dunham stated that the survey rankings on the report should not be taken at face value.

"The criteria for most of those surveys vary from survey to survey," Dunham said. "In this particular one, almost a quarter of it is based on opinion."

US News and World Report lists a few criteria on how the rankings are determined.

"Freshman retention and graduation rates and the strength of the faculty (are determining factors)," Robert Morse and Sam Flanigan said in the article. "Many factors other than those spotlighted here will figure in your decision, including location and feel of campus life, the range of academic offerings, activities and sports, and cost and the availability

of financial aid."

On top of those criterias, factors such as alumni ratings and financial resources also are relative factors. Even a school's reputation must be at 22.5-percent to qualify, according to an article written by the Washington Post.

Dunham noted that many important factors are not taken into account.

"Our retention rates (and) graduation rates are as good or better than other moderately selective (Universities)," Dunham said. "If you look at our entire nationwide peer group, we excel in those groups."

Senior Morgan Ruby was shocked to hear Northwest did not crack the top 100.

"Our school has many opportunities for students to get involved. I feel like Northwest is a hidden secret that people may not know about," Ruby said. "I am honestly shocked (to hear that)."

Others institutions have also criticized the ranking system for focusing on criteria that is largely irrelevant to students' learning and likelihood of receiving a degree.

"It is unfortunate because these (surveys) sell magazines," Dunham said. "But there are much better methods or data to look at when parents (and prospective students) are trying to select a school."

Top Midwest Region Universities from Missouri

- 8. Drury University
- 10. Truman State University
- 20. Rockhurst University
- 21. Webster University
- 68. Missouri State University
- 86. Southeast Missouri State University
- 92. University of Central Missouri
- T-102. Northwest Missouri State University
- T-102. Avila University

Former deathrow inmate will speak on campus

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Twenty years ago, Damien Echols was wanted for the murders of three 8-year-old boys. He was sentenced to death while his two "accomplices" were given life in prison. Now he is free after a wrongful conviction and is making his way to Maryville.

The recently announced lineup for the Distinguished Lecture Series will feature Echols, a man who served 18 years on death row, as well as three other speakers for the 2013-14 school year.

Highlighting the SAC Speaks lecture series is Merrill Hoge. Hoge is a former Pittsburgh Steelers running back, ESPN NFL analyst and cancer survivor.

Every year SAC and the University host speakers whose accomplishments in their respective walks of life are myriad and notable.

This year the SAC Speaks lecture series will include Hoge; Chuck D, creator of the rap group Public Enemy; and Tierney Cahill, sixth grade teacher and former democratic candidate for the District 2 congressional seat.

"We choose people from diverse backgrounds who have an original and inspirational story to share, people who challenge the status quo and prove the odds wrong," said Lucas Clark, director of lecture programming for SAC.

Northwest's Distinguished Lecture series will include Echols and his wife, Lorri Davis, who helped Echols clear his name. James Balog, a contributing editor of "National Geographic Adventure," founder of the Extreme Ice Survey and subject of the short film "A Redwood Grows in Brooklyn," will be also be a part of the lecture series.

Michael Mann, a climate scientist and professor of meteorology at Penn State University, as well and Jean Brennan, winner of the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize for her contribution to the understanding of climate change, are scheduled to speak.

Aaron Johnson, chair of Northwest's Lecture Series Committee, said in regard to Echols the University hosts unique individuals "who broaden our understanding of human rights."

The SAC's Speaks lecture series kicks off Tuesday, Oct. 5 in the J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom with Hoge. All the speeches begin at 7 p.m. and are free and open to the public.

Echols and Davis kick off the series at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 17 in the Charles Johnson Theater. Tickets are available for at the Student Services Desk in the Admin Building.

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Saturday, September 14

Football at Fort Hays State
12:00 pm at Hays, KS

Sunday, September 15

Homecoming Meeting
6:00p at Colden Hall

Catholic Mass at Station
7:00 pm at the Station

Deputy, dog make perfect pair

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Jerik is perhaps the most unique member of the community committed to fighting crime.

Deputy Vince Lippincot goes to work with Jerik, a tracking dog, every day and brings him home each night. Lippincot's companion is trained in tracking narcotics and evidence and has worked his way throughout the Northwest Missouri area.

Jerik has been working the streets with Lippincot for about four years and started his training through the Heart of America Police Dog Association (HAPDA), a group certifying dogs in Iowa, Missouri and Kansas.

The duo have been searching out incriminating evidence and offenders in a variety of places, including Buchanan and Polk County, Mo. and Cass County, Iowa. Jerik is contracted out to work with any cooperating agency and has often been able to assist with Maryville Public Safety and the Missouri State Highway Patrol, mainly with narcotics cases.

"Every day is new," Lippincot said, "[Jerik] is lucky to have a bulletproof vest. Anytime we go out, it's dangerous; in narcotics, the people are unpredictable."

Jerik is at no loss for work. He and Lippincot are able to stay fairly busy working with the Missouri State Highway Patrol, being called out two to three times a week.

"Jerik likes to work," Lippincot said. "He's considered just another officer."

Lippincot loves working with his fluffy sidekick; however, Jerik would not comment on his stance with Lippincot.

Police dogs in the Kansas-Missouri-Iowa area are required to complete several tests through HAPDA. According to their website, these trials include a muzzle test, a bark and hold test and a tracking/trailing test, among others.

During the first certification, the dog must pass a test for personality;



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Deputy Vince Lippincot and his canine companion, Jerik, engage in a friendly game of tug-of-war to wind down after a long day of work Monday evening.

the handler must write a paper and perform a written exam, while both perform a test scenario. As Jerik has been certified before, Lippincot and the dog must now complete the

scenario exam on an annual basis to keep his certification.

"It's amazing how keen his senses [are] and his ability to locate in vehicles and houses" Lippincot said.

Hangar switching to digital to meet industry standards

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The Hangar Cinema and Restaurant will have to switch to a digital projection system by the end of the year due to changing industry standards.

If you have ever wondered why a certain movie never came to town, you might be surprised to discover the decision is not solely up to the local theater. Richard Groves, general manager of the Hangar, has been working with film companies for over a decade to bring Maryville its entertainment.

"Many factors go into deciding which films we show," Groves said.

Movies that are released on the national level are evaluated on a weekly basis. The staff will work to see which movies might be suitable for separate markets, and then work with the film companies to bring that film to the community.

"Basically, [we decide] whether or not our customer base would be interested," Groves said. "The only exception is in rare cases when [we] don't find it appropriate. We've never declined a film."

Students seem to believe their system works and agree with the justification in the decisions being made.

"[I would refuse to show a movie] if the movie's values did not line up with the community or my own values," senior Jessica Keefner said. "(It might affect my decision to go) depending on what they refused to show."

Students say it is unlikely, however, that what the Hangar decides to show will affect attendance at the establishment.

"I like the convenience of the restaurant," senior Melanie Barnett said. "It's great that they have the restaurant inside, and what they refused to show would probably not [hinder me from going]."

Film companies from

Hollywood not only affect which movies we spend our money on, but how they will be presented as well. The Hangar will be switching to a digital system and no longer require the film strips they have used for so long.

"Most of the difference is behind the scenes," Groves said. "The 35mm film system currently gives customers a superior presentation. Resolution and brightness might increase slightly; the biggest change will be (no longer) handling the film."

Groves also added that the changes will not be noticed by customers. Although, given the option, they would not be going digital in order to save the expense of new equipment.

"If I were building a brand new theater tomorrow, it would be a no-brainer (to purchase digital equipment)," Groves said, "but the conversion made by industry [creates] a significant expense we must consider."



BROOKLYN SUMMERTIME | NW MISSOURIAN

Burny's receives upgrades, adds unique roof-top deck

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Downtown Maryville bars compete year after year to keep students and locals coming back night after night. Burny's has added a new attraction that will give a birds-eye view of the competition.

Burny's renovations will include a 1,700 square foot rooftop deck that began construction in late August and should be finished at the end of September.

The project will cost more than \$80,000 and feature an open-air rooftop deck, a bar, gas-powered heaters, fire pit and TV projectors.

"It's something Maryville doesn't have," bar owner Chris Burns said. "We're hoping that it'll be something the community will enjoy and draw

attention to it."

The renovation process continues with the electricity and plumbing installation over the next couple of weeks. After rough-end inspections, construction will wrap up with the finishing touches. The additions will also include pizza ovens, sandwiches and wings.

The plans to add the deck started soon after Burns opened the bar in 1997. Until Burns recently acquired the neighboring building, he didn't have enough room to carry out his plans to add the deck to his bar.

"We want people to come out, experience it and enjoy it. We're probably going to do some live music out there, and we want people to come check out the new atmosphere," Burns said.

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Drug testing policies ignore common sense, reality



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Opinion Editor

In last week's *Missourian*, there was a story buried on the third page that detailed the drug testing policies at Maryville High School. In that article was the result of a yearlong effort by the administration to randomly screen any student who wanted to participate in extracurricular activities or park on campus. Before the results were released, I figured at least 15 or 20 students would test positive.

For some type of drug. In a small town like Maryville, no one would be shocked if a significant amount of students were found using illicit substances. However, I was floored when I discovered that not one student was found to have illegal drugs in his system.

That's right, good townspeople of Maryville, your public school spent a good amount of money to combat a non-existent problem. Oh, and here's the kicker: they have no plans to stop drug testing students this year. The classic definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again expecting different results. Drug testing of high school students, especially at public schools, is an unwarranted

intrusion into the lives' of naive students and leads to kids finding other, more dangerous ways to get high.

According to Steve Klotz, assistant superintendent of Maryville R-II schools, drug testing "provides students an opportunity to make a positive choice." When schools put in place these testing procedures, they are giving students an opportunity to make a choice; however, the choice they usually end up making is far from positive.

Let's entertain a scenario to illustrate my point. Say a troubled, drug-abusing teenager wants to try out for the baseball team and finds out he's going to be randomly drug tested. He's not thinking "wow, I should

make a more positive choice and refrain from using drugs in the future so I can play baseball." He's thinking "I wonder if there's anyway around this drug test." If this teenager knows how to use a computer, he will find a myriad of sites and articles dedicated to finding ways around drug testing.

When school officials implement drug testing policies, they clearly ignore the fact that some drugs are easier to get out of your system than others. Meth, ecstasy, heroin and alcohol will leave your system in a few days, no matter how much you use it. Marijuana, on the other hand, could stay in your system for two weeks after just one or two uses. Even though each timetable depends on body

weight, hydration, etc. it is clear that the marijuana users in a high school will be in trouble, while the heroin and meth users are less likely to test positive. Also, many teenage marijuana users will often look to dangerous synthetic marijuana when faced with a drug test.

Numerous studies, such as a 2003 University of Michigan study have shown that mandatory drug testing policies do not deter kids from using drugs, which makes Maryville High School's lack of positive tests even more ridiculous. Keep in mind that I'm not claiming to know that a drug abuse problem doesn't exist at Maryville High School. However, I believe high school students need to

Greek Life deserves respect among our peers



JOSH PHILLIPS

Online Editor

"Dude, you are just paying for friends," they said. "All you will do is get drunk, screw whatever and skip classes. Greeks don't help out others, and once you go Greek, you won't talk to us 'GEEDS' ever again."

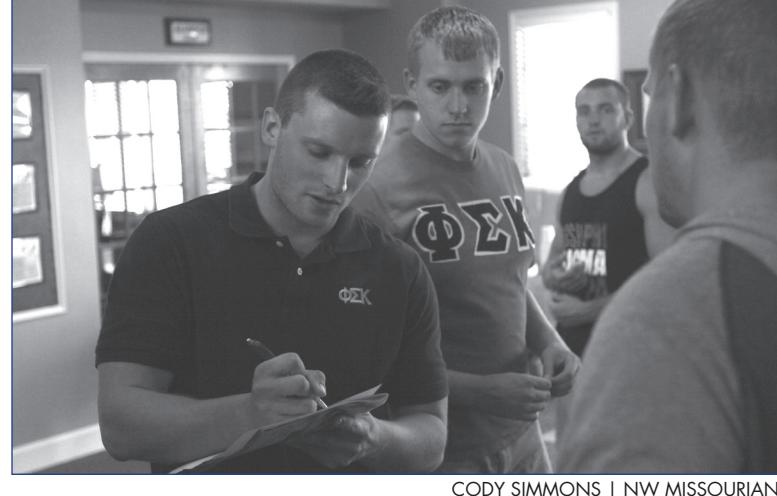
For the fraternity men and sorority women who are reading this now, you have probably heard one or two of these stereotypes that come with "going Greek." For the independents out there, you have probably said one or both of these things to a Greek. However, this column is not intended to attack the non-Greeks out there, or to say that all Greeks are gods among men.

This column is intended to shed light on the fact that Greeks are more than "frat stars" or "sororities" because of their philanthropic events and ability to develop key professional and life skills.

As a Greek man myself, I have heard all of the stereotypes about every fraternity and sorority here at Northwest, but I tend to not agree with each stigma associated with other Greeks. After college these Greeks will use what personal skills they have learned and apply it to their careers. (Being able to shotgun is not under the list of personal skills to apply to a career).

Every Greek organization provides for personal and professional development. Fraternities and sororities help develop personal skills such as bonding, meeting new people (Greek and non-Greek) and developing lifelong relationships.

Professional skills that develop from Greek Life include networking with campus and career leaders, being a leader in other campus organi-



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Junior Phi Sigma Kappa Jeremy Crane writes down the names of some potential new members during recruitment week September 4th.

zations and leading a team to fulfill certain goals.

That's not to say that non-Greeks (the "Gamma Delta Iotas") are unable to have successful, fulfilling lives.

Since 1825, all but two United States presidents were Greek, and there have been many more government men and women who were in Greek organizations. Neil Armstrong and the other Apollo 11 astronauts were fraternity men. From athletes to artists, musicians to moviemakers, from entrepreneurs to environmentalists, Greeks have been leaders in many industries.

Despite having well-known leaders and celebrities, Greeks still are looked upon negatively. Yes, there have been news stories that paint Greeks in a bad light. Such stories include times when students have been hazed so terribly they have died, such as the case at Cornell University. However, not all Greek organizations at different campuses are the same.

Some fraternity and sorority chapters are different compared

to the ones heard about elsewhere. Fraternities at Northwest might be considered "the nerd fraternity" or "the athletic fraternity," whereas at another university they are polar opposites. Whether you believe in the stereotypes or not, there are Greeks who devote their time and money to helping out the community, hosting philanthropic events, networking with officials on campus and making sure they have the grades to graduate.

It's no secret that being a member of a Greek organization is a time commitment. Members put in a lot of work to organize events, and this forces the development of time-management and communication skills.

However, all the hard work builds a sense of camaraderie you don't find anywhere else. In many ways, organizing things such as philanthropy events bring members closer together than social events.

It's about finding a home away from home, pursuing life goals and forming that band of brothers or sisters.

Moral decay used as excuse too often

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Historians cite moral decay as the leading cause of societal collapse. Perhaps it is not moral decay, but rather the decay of morale. With wealth more polarized than before the Great Depression and power more centralized and corrupt than before the Revolutionary War, one does not have to be a psychologist to realize America has lost its mind.

When those of the older generation cite youthful decay of morals as a serious problem, they seem to forget what their parents said about their generation. The elders of our society have and always will decry the youth as lacking discipline and morals, and this dynamic has laid the foundation of our nation. If the righteous youth were to simply accept the status quo, would this nation be as prosperous as it is now?

Evocative echoes of Woody Guthrie's timeless hymn to the American Dream creep out of the cracks of mortal madness as tragic whispers of his-

tory's farcical aversion to wisdom.

"This land is your land, and this land is my land, from California to the New York Island. From the Redwood Forest to the gulf stream waters, this land was made for you and me."

Guthrie slapped a white sticker on his guitar that read in black letters as bold as John Hancock's signature on the Declaration of Independence, "This machine kills fascists."

Those too dense to grasp the depth of Guthrie's statement ironically laud the value of machine weapons to combat radical ideology and of religion to cure cultural nihilism, but eventually no one will be able to identify a terrorist because everyone will qualify.

There is another way to understand nihilism than as justification for ridiculousness and apathy (YOLO!), or violence (the War on Terror). In his TV show "Through the Wormhole," Morgan Freeman explains perfectly this alternative understanding of nihilism: Question everything.

Older generations love to criticize the youth. Planks in their eyes and

backed by exaggerated claims of their greatness, they throw stones at errant youths, whom, they believe, embody the antithesis of what they imagined when they sailed to foreign shores to give their lives killing fascists. They bitterly mourn America's waning with ululations of how a culture of nihilism is rotting the Cradle of Liberty.

Perhaps what went wrong was too many assumptions were made, too few beliefs and people were arbitrarily awarded too much credit.

Unfortunately, the descendants of the first American terrorists (or freedom fighters depending on how you look at it) whose nihilistic views of determinism, royalty and theocracy drove them to foreign shores on which they gave their lives killing fascists, will pay the debts accrued during 237 years of ridiculousness, violence, and apathy.

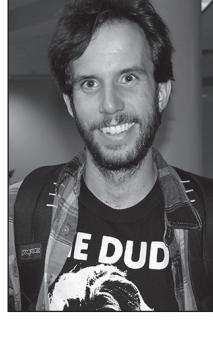
There is an excellent reason why history doesn't repeat itself thrice.

CAMPUS TALK

Does it concern you that two of the colleges at Northwest are without deans?



"It concerns me because I think it puts a lot of pressure on other university employees to get work done"



"It doesn't concern me because deans are usually far removed from the classroom and their absence doesn't affect what we learn"



"I'm a little concerned because I think it puts a lot of uneeded stress on those filling in for the deans"



"It concerns me because it makes the school look bad in a way, however a new dean may bring in a fresh perspective"



"It concerns me a little bit because it shows a serious breakdown in the bureaucracy of our university's administration"

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SUICIDE

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The same study says there are more than 1,000 suicides on college campuses every year. Attending a University can be stressful. For the first time in most young lives, students are thrust into a life without the family safety net that had been imperative to development.

Hopelessness, loss of a relationship, lack of social support and a sense of isolation are all feelings and states that can be experienced during college life. Unfortunately, according to Suicide Prevention Lifeline, those are also a few of the many risk factors for suicide.

Most everyone in college has experienced feelings of hopelessness, feelings of being trapped, whether by the sudden and unconditioned change in lifestyle or by heavy workloads that students deal with, and the temptation to use and abuse alcohol and other drugs.

A 2011 survey by the American College Health Association- National College Health Assessment found that about 30 percent of college students reported feeling so depressed that it was difficult to function.

Too often, these feelings go without an outlet or counseling. To assure that no person goes without a helping hand, many organizations have been formed to help people know that they are not alone, even at their darkest hour.

Helplines are available at all hours for students and young adults to call for the help they seek.

Still, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, suicide is the third leading cause of death among persons aged 15-24.

More alarming, a University of Virginia study found that suicides account for 6.18 deaths per 100,000 students compared to 4.86 deaths due to alcohol.

Rhonda Lesley, director of personal development and counseling, offers advice for students as they deal with the suicide of a peer.

"So many students are obviously grieving and beginning the journey of healing and coping one day at a time," Lesley said. "We're reminding students at times like these it is OK not to be OK, and that together, we can help each other heal and move in a positive direction."

Students are reminded at times like this that there are services available at Northwest, as well as other options to help when stress and anxiety seem unbearable.

Licensed counselors at the University Wellness Center are available by appointment every weekday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The University's Wellness Services also directs the Project Hope Suicide Prevention Program. The program, which is funded through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, aims at providing a healthy learning environment through suicide prevention and promotion of mental health services.

"Even when healing feels impossible in the moment, still we can make it by really being there for each other," Lesley said.

Additionally, the Wellness Services website offers multiple emergency phone numbers, including that of the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.

Students are encouraged to contact the Wellness Center if depression, anxiety or stress management become too much to handle. University Police can be reached if a student seeks help outside of regular office hours.

Lesley also said there are websites, such as suicidepreventionlifeline.org, that are accessible to students. Many organizations also seek to help students, such as the American Foundation For Suicide Prevention and Ask, Listen, Refer- a statewide online suicide prevention training program.

For more immediate information or assistance, the University Wellness Services always has a line open.

The Residential Life office also has trained student leaders who are aware of the warning signs associated with self-destructive behavior.

"We have all of our student staff come in for training, and that is about a week long. (The training) includes suicide prevention and suicide awareness," said Meghan Davis, assistant director for residential student success.

"Any time a staff member becomes aware of a student in concern, we take that very seriously," Davis said. "Their next step is to get someone else involved, whether that is the University Police Department or the Personal Development and Counseling center. We investigate, and then we get the appropriate entities to that student."

Northwest loses student to death

James Tyler Smith, 19, of Platte City, Mo., died of an apparent suicide Sept. 14. He was a member of the Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity and the Baptist Student Union.

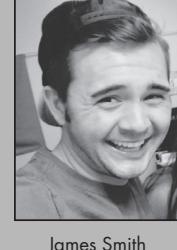
James was described by his friends as someone who could always make them smile, no matter what they were going through. He was known for texting funny pictures to raise the spirits of a friend in need.

James had the uncanny ability to make the stress of others disappear. His friends say that often times, he did not even have to speak a word, just seeing James would bring a smile to their faces.

His friends said that he loved sunsets. James would burst into their rooms to share the beauty of a sunset with them. His friends will still look at sunsets, and be thinking of him every time.

James was and always will be a part of the lives of the people who were close to him. The University honored James with a bell ringing Wednesday. Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity and the Baptist Student Union held a memorial service in the Student Union Ballroom.

James' funeral visitation is Friday in Margaretville, N.Y., followed by a funeral Saturday.



James Smith

GUN LAW

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Delaware County, Iowa sheriff.

With this law gaining media popularity lately, students have taken both sides of the debate.

"They should not be allowed to have (guns)," freshman Danny Blackwell said. "How can they know (what) they're shooting?"

On the other side, freshman BJ Thompson believes it's okay if they are supervised.

"I don't see a problem with (the law) as long as they have someone who can see with them, (such as) if they're hunting," Thompson said.

However, what seems like common sense may not be so black and white. Jane Hudson with Disability Rights Iowa said in an article Sept. 9 by the Salisbury Post that "the fact that you can't drive a car doesn't mean

you can't go to a shooting range and see a target," Hudson said.

States' policies regarding the issuance of gun permits fall into four categories: unrestricted, shall issue, may issue and no issue. Unrestricted is the most lenient. A shall issue state requires only that a citizen meet the criteria for gun ownership established by law, no further questions asked.

Iowa's new law makes it a shall issue state, which is new for it's citizens. This means that unless a citizen has something in his record that prohibits him from owning a gun, such as a felony conviction, Iowa cannot deny him a gun permit.

Iowa citizens can complete the safety certification required to receive a gun permit online, which means law enforcement agents have no way to determine whether the applicant is visually impaired or blind. Proponents of the law claim that to deny a citizen a gun per-

mit based on visual impairment violates the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Second Amendment and the Equal Protection clause of the Fourteenth Amendment.

"No one has offered a shred of evidence that persons with visual impairments actually are a danger to themselves or the public," said David Kopel, a constitutional law professor at Denver University's Sturm College of Law. "Persons who have visual impairments may be more likely to be targeted by violent criminals."

Despite the notoriety, the Register's report garnered the issue of whether the state should grant gun permits to visually impaired and blind, a statement sent to the newspaper from Tim Albrecht, Iowa governor Terry Branstad's spokesperson, said, "Our position on Iowa's gun laws remains the same as it has been for the last number of years. No changes."

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Blotter from the Maryville Department of Public Safety

Sept. 7

There is an ongoing investigation of larceny at the 1600 block of South Main Street.

Sept. 8

An accident occurred between Ashley J. Stanton, 22, Savannah, Mo.; Kayla M. Hoelting, 19, Mosco Mills, Mo.; and Sabrina D. Hickson, 21, Kansas City, Mo., at the 300 block of South Main Street. Stanton was issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

An accident occurred between Daniel Sulenger, 24, Skidmore, Mo., and Billy L. Edwards, Jr., Harriman, Tenn., at East South Avenue

and South Main Street. Sullenger was issued a citation for failure to yield.

Sept. 9

An accident occurred between Shana L. Despain, 35, Maryville, Mo., and an unknown driver at South Davis and East First Street.

Sept. 11

Beverly J. Garner, 57, Clearmont Mo., was charged with failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to register a motor vehicle at South Munn Street and Highland Avenue.

An accident occurred between Ralph L. Wallace II, 53, Hopkins, Mo., and Colton Ferguson, Baranrd,

Mo. at the 1200 block of South Main Street.

Deangelo J. Hailey, 22, Maryville, Mo., was charged with an equipment violation at the 800 block of North Walnut Street.

Sept. 12

James R. Scott, Wappapello, Mo., was wanted on warrant on charged for failure to appear at the 400 block of North Market Street.

Sept. 13

Sarah Newmaster, 20, Maryville, Mo.; Jennifer C. Kirk, 20, Maryville, Mo.; Gisela F. Rodriguez, 20, Maryville, Mo.; Kylie D. Vande Mheen, 21, Maryville, Mo.; and Eric L. Martin,

21, Maryville, Mo., were charged with permitting a peace disturbance at the 700 block of North Walnut Street.

An accident occurred between Trey D. Allen, 18, Higginsville, Mo.; Smanatha J. Sprenkle, 20, Edwardsville, Kan.; and Donna Holt, 78, Maryville, Mo., at the 800 block of South Main Street.

Sept. 14

Adam B. Funke, 23, Maryville, Mo., was charged with disorderly conduct at the 100 block of South Vine Street.

Sept. 15

Katherine C. Cleming, 19, Maryville, Mo., was charged with minor in possession at the 500 block of West Fourth Street.

Charles W. Hunter, 22, Ravenwood, Mo., was charged with disorderly conduct and profanity in public at the 400 block of North Market Street.

There is an ongoing investigation of disorderly conduct at the 200 block of North Laura Street.

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CROSSWORD

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

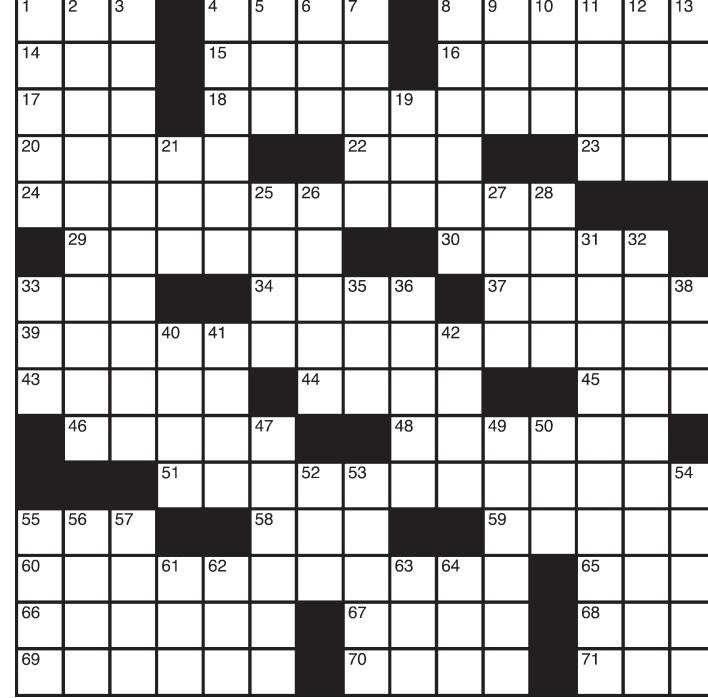
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ACROSS

- 1 Org. with bomb-sniffing dogs
- 4 Actor in many Tim Burton films
- 8 Chewed the fat
- 14 ___ favor
- 15 Dunn's ___ Minnow Pea: A Novel in Letters"
- 16 Bird in a dugout
- 17 Suburban suffix
- 18 Meeting of a select few
- 20 Old queen's land
- 22 Spot for a mineral scrub
- 23 "Xanadu" band, briefly
- 24 Crier's cry
- 29 TV type
- 30 British East Africa, now
- 33 It rises in el este
- 34 Nile wader
- 37 Dark suds
- 39 Estuary
- 43 Like a maternal grandmother
- 44 Spare in a boot
- 45 ___ populi
- 46 Bringing together
- 48 Progressed slowly
- 51 Shipping datum
- 55 Kimono accessory
- 58 Collector's item?
- 59 Lyric poem
- 60 Bit of one-upmanship ... and what can be found at the end of 18-, 24-, 39- and 51-Across?
- 65 Roofing goo
- 66 Marzipan base
- 67 Casserole fish
- 68 Early 12th-century year
- 69 With 40-Down, follows restaurant protocol
- 70 Spotted
- 71 Cézanne's warm season

DOWN

- 1 Inane
- 2 Terse
- 3 Without a single ap-



pointment

- 4 Breaks down
- 5 Tetris piece
- 6 Ramallah-based gp.
- 7 Out of favor
- 8 Stop transmitting, as a radio station
- 9 Lab report?
- 10 A&E offering
- 11 Party pooper
- 12 Jewish month after Av
- 13 Sales rep's tool
- 19 Emissions watchdog gp.
- 21 Spandex garment
- 25 Mideast VIP
- 26 Target of a New Year's resolution
- 27 Quaint agreement
- 28 Within: Pref.
- 31 "I'm stumped!"
- 32 Self-taught individual
- 33 Fr. holy woman
- 35 Trellis adornment
- 36 Stroke lacking in many modern fonts
- 38 Texter's gratitude
- 40 See 69-Across
- 41 Car-collecting TV host
- 42 '90s attorney general
- 47 Runs through the mill
- 49 Like El Greco and the

Answers to Sept 12



- Minotaur
- 50 With it
- 52 Dress (up)
- 53 Gives the boot
- 54 "The ___!"
- 55 Down Under gem
- 56 Agricultural unit
- 57 "Garfield" waitress
- 61 Good, in Hebrew
- 62 Like Mendelssohn's Piano Sonata No. 1
- 63 Color quality
- 64 Unique

CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to cleaning. Each number corresponds to a different letter. (Hint: 20 = e)

A. 2 15 23 21 3 21 10 20

Clue: Make hygienic

B. 25 1 20 15 23

Clue: Not dirty

C. 2 25 19 14 16

Clue: Brighten

D. 9 16 20 2 6 20 23

Clue: Make something cleaner

WORD SCRABBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to cleaning.

W D I E M L



Answer: MlideW

Guess Who?

I am a comedic actress born on September 20, 1967 in Washington, D.C. You may know me from my roles on "3rd Rock from the Sun" and "The Exes."

Answer: Kristen Johnston

CLEANLINESS WORD SEARCH

WORDS

- AMMONIA
- MOP
- BACTERIA
- ORGANIZE
- BAKING
- REMOVE
- BATHE
- RESIDUE
- BLEACH
- SANITARY
- CLEANER
- SCRUB
- CLOUDY
- SHAMPOO
- DEBRIS
- SOAPING
- DISSOLVE
- SORT
- DUSTING
- SWEEP
- FILTER
- TIDY
- GARBAGE
- VACUUM
- GROOM
- VINEGAR
- MICROBIAL
- WASHING
- MOLD
- WASTE



Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

The iPhone Revolution

Apple unveils iPhone 5s, 5c

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A couple of new shiny apples sprouted from the Apple tree last week when the tech giant unveiled its newest iPhone models to the world. If history is any indication, this batch of apple products is sure to be the mobile innovator's largest sale to date.

Apple has been advancing technology since Steve Jobs founded it in 1976. But up until about six years ago, the iPhone was unheard of. Now, it's one of the most instrumental pieces of the Apple empire, and according to "Business Insider," it's responsible for almost two-thirds of the company's overall revenue. Therefore, it makes sense for the company to introduce not one, but two new models this month. The iPhone 5s and the iPhone 5c hit stores Sept. 20.

The two new members of the Apple family will be just as sleek and slim as before, but they've been tweaked to be much more user friendly, loaded with more of the features iPhone users desire, such as a longer lasting battery and a higher resolution camera.

Customers longing for the more elite iPhone 5s may choose from three finishes: silver, gold and space gray. It has quicker download and upload speeds because of the 13 LTE bands, making it five times faster than the iPhone 5. It also has a much longer battery life because it holds a built-in rechargeable battery, with 25 more hours of standby time and two more hours of call time.

Apple's senior vice president of worldwide marketing, Phil Schiller, claims the iPhone 5s is the most forward-thinking phone Apple has ever created.

"It's packed with incredible technologies that are in service of helping people use these devices more in the ways that we all want to," Schiller said.

The iPhone 5s is equipped with several new features, including an HD Face Time camera and a hi-tech eight-megapixel camera, called iSight, with a new lens and wider aperture. iSight can take slow-motion video and snap up to 10 frames per second in an effort to help users get a better shot. The smartphone will have a fingerprint scanner, called Touch ID, on the new sapphire home button (to prevent scratches) for added security. It will also feature an M7 motion co-processor, which can detect movement and communicate with apps to let them know when

you're doing certain activities, such as driving. The iPhone 5s is the first 64 GB smartphone in the world. According to Apple.com, it was "designed to put desktop-class processing power in the palm of people's hands." The iPhone 5s starts at \$199 for the 16 GB version with a two-year contract.

The iPhone 5c was designed to be a more affordable smartphone, taking the place of the iPhone 5, which will no longer be produced. Apple describes the 5c as "the most colorful iPhone yet" because it's encased in a hard-coated, glossy plastic that comes in a variety of colors (pink, yellow, green, blue, and white), so customers can fit their phone to their personality. Although created with a younger user in mind, it's still state-of-the-art.

"When you pick up and hold the iPhone 5c for the first time, you're going to be blown away by the quality of it and how rigid and great it feels

in your hands," Schiller said.

This less expensive iPhone has nearly identical internal technology as the iPhone 5s. It, too, has a longer battery life, an eight-megapixel iSight camera and a new HD Face Time camera. The iPhone 5c starts at \$99 for the 16 GB

version with a two-year contract.

Apple gadgets are in high demand because of their quality and speed. These new iPhones will be no exception because they were crafted with the user's technological needs and wants in mind. And to keep iPhone users up to date, they will both feature Apple's latest software, the iOS 7, which launched Sept. 18.

Apple CEO Tim Cook addressed the new software as the latest version of the world's most advanced mobile operating system.

"It's packed with amazing new features and a stunning new user interface," Cook said.

Apple's senior vice president of software engineering, Craig Federighi, added, "Soon, we're going to witness an event really almost unprecedented in our industry when virtually overnight hundreds of millions of people download iOS 7 and begin a fantastic new experience with their devices."

While the iPhone 5s and 5c are expected to be great additions to Apple, you don't need to own one to download iOS 7. The software is available on all iPhones dating back to the iPhone 4, iPads and the iPod Touch.

The iOS 7 software will have a high-quality female Siri voice, as well as an all new high-quality male Siri voice. Both can now draw information from Twitter and Wikipedia.

The new design includes a brightly colored layout with a variety of different fonts, icons and animations, such as raindrops and lightning bolts to forecast a storm in the weather app. The harmonious icons will respond to the motion of the hand the phone is being held in.

Ringtone, system alerts and alarms have been updated with new sound options. The previous sounds are still available, but they've been remastered for higher sound quality.

iTunes radio is Apple's version of Pandora. It allows Apple customers to listen to preprogrammed radio stations on iTunes based on their favorite artists, songs and genres.

The camera app will offer two ways to take a photo, either as a square or panorama. Instagram-like filters are also available and can be applied during live shooting. The photo app allows users to organize their photos into "Moments," "Collections" and "Years" based on the camera information detailing where and when they were taken.

By sliding up, users can quickly view a semi-transparent control center with system settings, brightness controls, a flashlight, calculator and other utilities.

Avicii stays 'True' to eclectic music



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He creates folk-style, electro-pop dance melodies for a distinct sound listeners are clearly hooked on. Swedish DJ Tim Bergling, more commonly known as Avicii (ah-vee-chee), dropped his debut album, "True," on Friday. It came in hot at number four on iTunes top albums.

Electronic dance music meets quasi-country in the 12 songs that make up Avicii's "True." The album kicks off with the 24-year-old's first single, "Wake Me Up!" featuring soul singer Aloe Blacc. The single holds Billboard United States' top five spot after its June release. The song has been the catalyst for the album's early success, as it rightfully skyrocketed on the charts and reached over 165 million YouTube views. Avicii has reached a musical triumph.

"Wake Me Up!" is followed by "You Make Me," the album's second single, and "Hey Brother," bluesy number featuring bluegrass musician Dan Tyminski, co-vocalist of Alison Krauss and the Union Station. Avicii

continues to showcase a hint of house with "Liar Liar" and "All You Need is Love."

Newcomer Audra Mae lends her raw, rootsy voice to Avicii's "Shame on Me" and "Addicted to You," which is one of the shorter numbers on the album, ending at less than two and a half minutes. Several other songs are quite lengthy in comparison. "Dear Boy" ends at eight minutes, and "Canyons" reaches seven and a half.

The album also features a variety of other collaborations with artists such as Dan Reynolds of Imagine Dragons for "Heart Upon My Sleeve;" Adam Lambert for "Lay Me Down" and Incubus guitarist Mike Einziger, who appears on four of the album's tracks. Avicii enlists the help of some less-familiar reality-show alums as well with The X-Factor's Josh Krajcik, who helped write "Addicted to You," and Lennea Henriksson from Sweden's version of "American Idol" for "Hope There's Someone."

Avicii first found success in 2011 with his hit "Levels." The smash paved the way for Avicii to inhabit the mainstream musical market he now

shares with the likes of David Guetta and Deadmau5.

The way Avicii effortlessly incorporates a range of genres into his music and makes it flow smoothly is truly a testament to his art. The young, unique talent pairs danceable rhythms with a touch of bluegrass for a sound that is sure to please listeners of all ages. Avicii has proven himself as a threat in the EDM genre. He has seen the beginning of commercial success, and if he keeps going at this rate, audiences are sure to hear even more chart-topping hits. The album has received touting reviews from Rolling Stone, Spin and more. Editors from iTunes put it best, raving that Avicii has succeeded in "making a viable folk-flavored EDM album."



Artist: Avicii

Album: True

Label: PRMD/Universal Island Records

Release Date: Sept. 13, 2013

I'll tell ya though, it's a good thing I wrote this early. Otherwise instead of synonyms, you would have gotten a three to four page short essay rant on the social, economic and who gives a rats ass of the Industrial Revolution.

Since when is it the point of college to see who can stay up the latest while pumping jet-fuel-like energy drinks into your system trying to cram for a test. I know, some of you are saying, "well, you should have started studying earlier, and that wouldn't happen." Well, shut up, academy kids, no one asked you anyway. You can talk when you hit puberty.

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WHAT'S NOT

Miley Cyrus's "Wrecking Ball" music video

Miley Cyrus certainly has people talking. Unfortunately, it's all pretty negative. Coupled with her suggestive VMA performance, the Vevo music video for her single, "Wrecking Ball," has earned the singer much attention lately. The video shows the 20-year-old swinging naked on a wrecking ball and seductively licking a sledge hammer. How can one even seductively lick a hardware tool? It appears she is acting out for attention.

Greasy Hair

Some people need to wash their hair daily to avoid this wet mess, others can afford to go two or three days without a wash. But there's a reason dry shampoo could be considered the eighth world wonder. If your hair is starting to have a hint of a dewy shine, dry shampoo can save the day with a quick spray.

WHAT'S HOT

Nicholas Sparks' "The Longest Ride"

If you haven't already grabbed your copy of Nicholas Sparks' latest novel, "The Longest Ride," you might want to hurry. The #1 New York Times bestselling author is known for his romantic reads with sappy storylines, and if this one is anything like his other novels, we're sure to see the film adaptation soon.

The Kansas City Chiefs

The Kansas City Chiefs won their second game of the season on Sunday against the Dallas Cowboys in a 17-16 nail-biter. Tonight the Chiefs go head to head against the Philadelphia Eagles.

My Favorite Muffin

Maryville's favorite muffin shop reopened last Thursday after being closed for three months. The official grand opening will take place in a few weeks, but until then, My Favorite Muffin is once again open for business.

THE STROLLER:

Your Man gives professors' test week failing grade

Alright, listen up, Arctictis binturongs, because I've got some serious bovine fecal matter to vent about. But first, if you don't know what a binturong is, look it up, because I'm not changing it. Some study by some old British guy with a mustache at some hoity-toity university said using big words makes you sound perspicacious, percipient or astute, if you will. But I'm deviating from the crux.

Apparently the fourth week of classes is the unwritten every-professor-give-a-test week (unless you read syllabi, but seriously, come on).

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ever I need to let a load off, you guys are always there. And for those who didn't read all the way through, you should transfer to Mo West because we don't need you here. Or I guess everyone who did read it all should tell someone who didn't what I just said because they won't actually get the message if they didn't read it, but yeah, make that happen.

As for all you, professors, I see your tests, and I raise you a middle finger.

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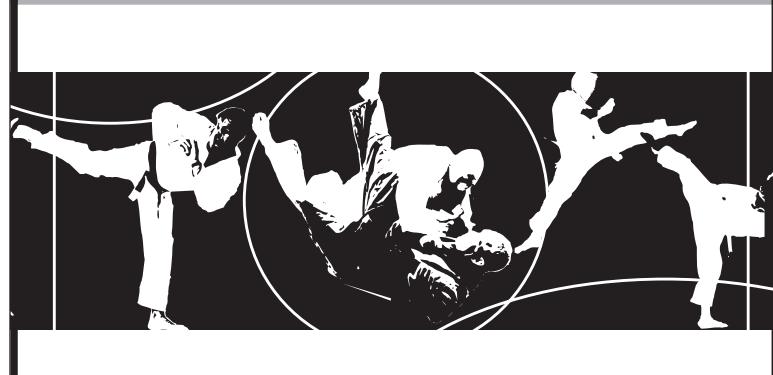
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1. Roar – Katy Perry
2. Blurred Lines – Robin Thicke ft. T.I. and Pharrell
3. Royals – Lorde
4. Holy Grail – Jay Z ft. Justin Timberlake
5. Wake Me Up! – Avicii
6. Summertime Sadness – Lana Del Rey and Cedric Gervais
7. Applause – Lady Gaga
8. Hold On, We're Going Home – Drake ft. Majid Jordan
9. Safe and Sound – Capital Cities
10. Berzerk – Eminem

Billboard Hot 200 Albums

1. Yours Truly – Ariana Grande
2. Love and War – Tamar Braxton
3. Hesitation Marks – Nine Inch Nails
4. Love in the Future – John Legend
5. Crash My Party – Luke Bryan
6. Appreciation Day – Jaheim
7. Blurred Lines – Robin Thicke
8. Hail to the King – Avenged Sevenfold
9. The 20/20 Experience – Justin Timberlake
10. Night Visions – Imagine Dragons
11. Bad Blood – Bastille
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Spoofhounds serve up 1st MEC victory at Chillicothe

DALTON VITT

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With three games in the books and an aggregate score of 110-7 against opponents, the Spoofhounds move on to their next conference challenge.

Head coach Matt Webb's undefeated No. 1 team in Class 3 faces Bishop LeBlond (2-1), which comes off a 41-14 loss against Cameron at home.

The Eagles bring dual-threat quarterback Matthew McCullough to the table, who has thrown for 412 yards and six touchdowns on 26-of-47 passes, and rushed for 179 yards and eight touchdowns on 31 carries.

"Their quarterback is a very good player," Webb said. "He's athletic in the backfield; he runs around and extends plays. Sometimes, as you watch him in film, you look at it and think you may have a sack, but he finds a way to get out of it and hit a big throw down field."

One of the few Spoofhound weaknesses this season are first halves, in which Maryville scored 31 total points, compared to 79 in the second two quarters of play.

"That's something we're continuing working on," Webb said. "We wanna come out and set a pace early and jump on people and get up on the board and keep them out of the end zone ... We're still working on things. That's something we wanna do is come out and have a good start."

Senior right guard and defensive tackle Jackson Morrison has been on both sides of the ball - the offense, which has struggled early, and the defense, which held games tight until the break.

"That's just something we wanna add," Morrison said. "We're killing them in the third quarter coming out, why can't we just do it in the first quarter now?"

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game, he wasn't the only reason we were struggling offensively in the first quarter. I'm not going to give up on a kid because he had one bad day."

Bolles will see playing time in certain packages, which Dorrel plans on doing every week, but in different amounts to keep opposing coaches guessing.

Senior running back Billy Creason feels confident with whoever is in at quarterback between Bolles and Adams.

"We know that both guys can get it done," Creason said. "With Trevor



CODY SIMMONS | NW MISSOURIAN

Senior defensive lineman Issac Bledsoe lunges at Chillicothe's quarterback during a 32-7 victory in the Midland Empire Conference opener Sept. 13.

Another rough spot through the first two games was the number of penalties. Maryville garnered 17 flags during the first two games, but cleaned it up against Chillicothe Sept. 13, committing just two infractions.

The Spoofhounds have struck gold after halftime and in the trenches, dominating opponents at the line of scrimmage in the third and fourth quarters.

Last week, senior fullback Trent

Dredge claimed the offensive line is the "best in the state," to which senior right guard and defensive lineman Jackson Morrison jokingly replied, "It's good to just get some praise from him every once in awhile."

"You like to stay humble, but that's how we like to play; that's how we like to think about it," Morrison said. "That's the mindset we wanna have."

Maryville used that powerful line

to knock off Chillicothe last week, which made an upset bid until the third quarter when the Spoofhounds took over on both sides of the ball.

Sophomore running back Dakota Beemer replaced injured starter Brody McMahon and led the charge with 118 yards rushing and two touchdowns.

Webb's defense allowed just 15 total yards in the third period, while the offense produced touchdowns on all three of its possessions.

"Chillicothe is a good football team," Webb said. "They'll win a lot of games this year. They've got a very good coaching staff. I talked to people before conference started just about the quality of coaching in the MEC, and we're not going to see any two better than what Chillicothe has and what LeBlond has."

Maryville kicks off at 7 p.m. Friday against the Eagles at home in its second MEC game of the season.



Fort Hays State

Northwest

Hays, Kan.	Location	Maryville, MO
MIAA	Conference	MIAA
9,000	Enrollment	6,800
0	Playoff Appearances	17
0	National Titles	3
0	Conference Titles	24

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paid for his or her services to the school, regardless if it's under the table? Or in some instances, do the absolute minimum in the classroom to achieve the most on the field.

The universities aren't the overall root of the issue, although the pressure to win and the money involved has redirected the moral compass of the coaches and administration.

The old notion that coaches are responsible for guiding and fostering their players has worn thin. In most instances, a coach's priority has transitioned from teaching players to succeed as an individual to succeed on Saturdays.

A million-dollar contract, or \$6 million contract in Nick Saban's case, will have a coach thinking strictly business. Winning is paramount.

The problem lies within the moneybags of the NCAA. College sports have become a monumental moneymaker, and it makes me wonder how long before this system gets blown up.

In this age of huge money for sports, especially universities that play big-time football, the NCAA is struggling to police alumni, coaches and boosters.

We've seen coaches and administrators fail to hold themselves and players accountable, and it's because the NCAA has failed to hold these universities accountable.

Shapiro, an ex-Miami booster behind bars for his role in a Ponzi scheme, bashed the NCAA for its lack of oversight on the payment of players for a wide numbers of years while he was the university.

Shapiro is not the most credible source. But the NCAA went under deep scrutiny once it was discovered the NCAA knowingly had Shapiro's attorney on its payroll in exchange for illegally obtained documents needed to put Miami away.

Furthermore, an investigator who was looking into the Miami case wrote a letter on behalf of Shapiro just days before he was convicted.

The letter even stated that the NCAA could eventually hire Shapiro.

Seems fitting.

It's a large black eye such as this that continues to stain the NCAA and label it as a corrupt business that abuses its power.

Miami ignored Shapiro's acts. The NCAA faltered in its investigation of the Hurricanes. The NCAA let Miami off the hook with its own incompetence.

The NCAA worked with an attorney of a convicted conman to obtain evidence that had little to do with the charges.

The NCAA would hire an ex-con onto its staff for advice.

You'll always have cheaters. There is no way around that. Off-the-field issues have been a dominating story of college athletics.

But it's time to do something about it.

It's time to get out of the business of running what is seemingly a junior pro sports league that allows athletes to remain inconsistent with the educational purposes of colleges. The NCAA and these institutions need to create an environment encouraging and guiding student-athletes to be students.

Or maybe it's time to admit the amateur student-athlete approach has been exposed as a facade and allow these athletes who could care less about an education go pro out of high school.

Doing the right thing is hard, especially with the pedestal the NCAA stands on. But let's quit trying' is not the right mindset.

It starts at the top. Sure, these schools have become susceptible on the notion of bringing in the big-time recruits. These institutions have become reliant on the notion of winning. These universities have become dependent on the big market and getting ahead of the competition.

But the NCAA is responsible for these schools. The NCAA is responsible for these athletes, ensuring the schools are providing an education and preparing these kids for the real world.

The NCAA has far too important of a job to do. They can't be prone to such misconducts. Too much is on the line for a fractured system which impacts so many student athletes.

NW FOOTBALL

MIAA STANDINGS

	Overall	MIAA
Emporia St.	2-0	2-0
Lindenwood	2-0	2-0
Mo. Southern	2-0	2-0
Pitt. St.	2-0	2-0
Washburn	2-0	2-0
Mo. Western	2-0	1-0
NORTHWEST	2-0	1-0
Lincoln	1-1	0-1
Southwest Baptist	0-2	0-1
Central Mo.	0-2	0-2
Central Oklahoma	0-2	0-2
Fort Hays	0-2	0-2
Nebraska-Kearney	0-2	0-2
Northeastern St.	0-2	0-2

September 21:

Lindenwood at Central Mo.
NORTHWEST at Fort Hays
Mo. Western at Nebraska-Kearney
Emporia St. at Central Okla.
Lincoln at Mo. Southern

NW VOLLEYBALL

MIAA STANDINGS

	Overall	MIAA
Central Mo.	10-0	1-0
Central Okla.	9-0	1-0
Nebraska-Kearney	9-1	1-0
Washburn	7-2	1-0
Mo. Western	3-6	1-0
Southwest Baptist	7-2	0-0
Lindenwood	3-7	0-0
Emporia St.	6-3	0-1
NORTHWEST	4-5	0-1
Mo. Southern	3-5	0-1
Pitt. St.	3-6	0-1
Fort Hays	0-6	0-1

September 20:

Pitt. St. at Nebraska-Kearney
Southwest Baptist at Central Mo.
NORTHWEST at Lindenwood

September 21:

Pitt. St. at Fort Hays
Central Mo. at Lindenwood
Mo. Western at Emporia St.

MHS FOOTBALL

MEC STANDINGS

	Overall	MEC
MARYVILLE	3-0	1-0
Cameron	3-0	1-0
Lafayette	3-0	1-0
Savannah	2-1	1-0
Chillicothe	2-1	0-1
LeBlond	2-1	0-1
Smithville	1-2	0-1
Benton	0-3	0-2

September 20:

LeBlond at MARYVILLE
Savannah at Lafayette
Chillicothe at Cameron
Benton at Smithville

MHS GIRL'S VOLLEYBALL

MEC STANDINGS

	Overall	MEC
LeBlond	4-0	1-0
MARYVILLE	3-1	1-1
Chillicothe	2-0	0-0
Lafayette	1-0	0-0
Savannah	2-1	0-0
Benton	1-1	0-0
Smithville	1-2	0-0
Cameron	0-1-1	0-0

September 19:

Smithville at Lafayette
LeBlond at MARYVILLE
Savannah at Lafayette
Chillicothe at Cameron
Benton at Smithville

Softball searching for 1st win of year

DAULTON PERRY

Chief Sports Reporter | @NWMSports

Rainouts in sports can affect more than just the win/loss column, especially with a young squad such as the Maryville Spoofhounds softball team.

With the rainout Tuesday, the 'Hounds conference game against Chillicothe got pushed back until Oct. 3. This has a huge effect on the growth of the inexperienced 'Hounds.

"Every chance we get on the field is a chance that we need at this time in the season," head coach Lesley Schulte said. "It's unfortunate to get rained out because all of the girls need the experience."

Nonetheless, the 'Hounds have been making long strides since the beginning of the season offensively and defensively. According to Schulte, they are making far less errors and are giving up less runs all together.

They are striking out less and swinging at better pitches and are having overall better approaches at the plate.

Schulte noted that sophomore Kylie Reuter has made the most improvements since the beginning of the season.

"She was primarily an infielder, but we needed outfielders, and she has stepped out of her comfort zone to learn how to play the outfield and gets better with every game," Schulte said. "And she has improved offensively as well, as she has been getting more hits and putting more balls in play."

After starting the season 0-9, Maryville will look to get its first win of the season against Smithville at 5 p.m. today at Smithville High School.

"Smithville has strong pitching and hitting, so our defense is going to need to be solid," Schulte said.



MIKEY LAWRENCE | NW MISSOURIAN

Junior first baseman Maddi Atwell records an out against Benton Sept. 12. Maryville was rained out Tuesday.

Golf shows up on 2nd day of tourney

TYLER BROWN

Chief Reporter | @NWMSports

The Maryville High School girls golf team hopes to make it three straight victories this week when it takes the course today.

Led by the Holtman sisters, sophomore Mollie and senior Cassie, the Spoofhounds will be facing off against Lafayette and Central at Fairview.

Wednesday Cassie fired a 46 as the 'Hounds beat Benton 208 to 278. Mollie Holtman was not available to the team Wednesday because of a nagging shoulder injury.

Cassie, who was injured playing soccer in the summer, was able to play Tuesday night. Head coach Brenda Ricks decided to give the senior the night off as she did some chipping and putting while she watched her sister lead the team to victory.

Wednesday the team finished 21 shots better than they did Tuesday.

"Yesterday was bad because it was the first day of cold," Ricks said. "It was a good experience for them, and somehow we came out with the win. Little things like jackets seemed to bother them."

Maryville also got strong play from freshman Anna Swink, who shot a 57 Wednesday. Ricks said she has been playing really well all year and has been a pleasant surprise as a freshman.

The Spoofhounds tee off at 4 p.m. today at the Fairview Golf Course in St. Joseph.

Looking ahead, Ricks believes that her team has a realistic shot in competing at districts.

"Home-course advantage is always nice," Ricks said. "The girls just have to focus on the shot at hand and play golf."



BROOKLYN SUMMERVILLE | NW MISSOURIAN

Senior defensive specialist Kelsey Spire serves against Benton in St. Joseph Tuesday night. The spoofhounds won two sets, both 25-23.

Volleyball continues hot start against Lafayette

JOEY TUCKER

Chief Sports Reporter | @joetuck325

Maryville continues conference play against Lafayette in hopes of climbing over .500 in the Midland Empire Conference.

The senior-laden Fighting Irish have plenty of experience up front, boasting three of their five seniors at the net. Head coach Lori Klaus said the uniform approach of the Spoofhounds (3-1) will be the difference.

"We're a balanced team, and we always have a great team effort in the front row," Klaus said. "In the back row, (senior libero) Chelsea Byland plays really, really good defense."

Byland is coming off of an impressive 21 dig performance against Benton, helping the 'Hounds get back on track with victories of 25-23, 25-23.

The victory over the Cardinals followed Maryville's only blemish of the season against Bishop LeBlond, losing 25-14, 25-22 to an Eagles team that has yet to lose a set this season.

The contribution at the net from several Spoofhounds, including senior outside hitters Anny Van de Ven and Aubrey Kimble, and a

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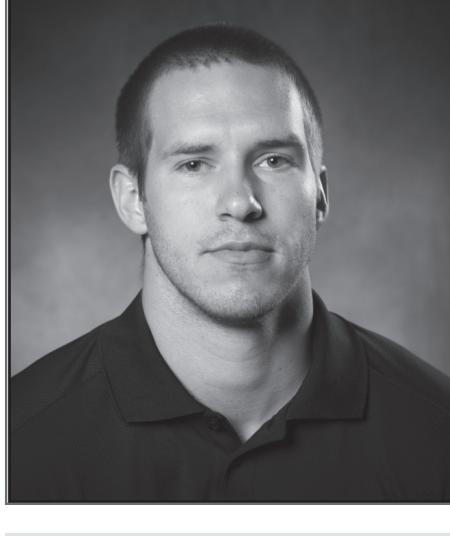
Log on Friday for game results as Maryville takes on Bishop LeBlond.

ATHLETES of the WEEK



BEARCATS

Brady Bolles



Sophomore quarterback Brady Bolles brought the Bearcats back from a 17-0 hole against Central Missouri with 82 rushing yards, 191 passing yards and three total touchdowns.

Fiona Moloney



Senior forward Fiona Moloney scored Northwest's lone goal in a 2-1 overtime defeat at Winona State Sept. 15. The Bearcats are 1-3 entering their first MIAA match Sept. 20.

Dakota Beemer



Sophomore running back Dakota Beemer filled in nicely for injured lead-rusher Brody McMahon, gaining 118 yards and the ground and scoring two touchdowns on nine carries.

Chelsea Byland



Senior Chelsea Byland led Maryville in a two-set sweep of Benton with 21 digs. The Spoofhounds picked up their third win of the season, bringing their record to 3-1.



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Sophomore forward Anna Holden swipes the ball away from a Winona State player during a 2-1 loss last season. Northwest is 1-3 this year.

Soccer to kick off MIAA play at home

CHRIS SCHOONOVER

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After coming up empty during a trip to Minnesota, the Northwest soccer team looks to use the lessons it learned in defeat as it heads into the MIAA opener.

The Bearcats (1-3) take on Lindenwood (3-2) tonight, which will also begin their conference schedule.

"We need to use the lessons we learned in the last three games," head coach Tracy Hoza said. "We need to limit our mistakes...that's a big thing in the MIAA, and play good soccer. We need to do better in transitioning, but we have to come out and compete."

Hoza has seen things she believes her team can build on although it has dropped its last three contests.

"Things are working better than in the other games," Hoza said. "The defense is getting better, but we still have some areas that we need to work on. It's not so much the defense...it's the transitioning from offense to defense."

"If you purely look at the results,

it was a tough weekend. If you look at the play and how we are coming together, then there is progression, and that's what we were excited about."

The 'Cats lost to St. Cloud State 2-1 Sept. 13 and lost to Winona State in overtime by the same score.

Senior midfielder Anna Holden scored the lone goal against St. Cloud State, and senior Fiona Moloney scored off a free kick that sliced through the upper 90 against Winona State.

Senior goalkeeper Kelsey Adams recorded 15 saves over the weekend, four against St. Cloud and 11 against Winona State.

Lindenwood has scored 13 goals in its four games this season, while only allowing five goals.

The Bearcats hit the pitch at 4 p.m. today at home in search of what Hoza says is a vital game to begin conference play.

"It's very important right now coming off three losses," Hoza said. "There's a little bit of pressure to get a win, but wins are earned, and we have to go earn it."

Women drop home opener to Mo. West

KRISTINA CALFEE

Missourian Reporter | @NWMSports

The Bearcats' inability to close out sets was the difference in a four-set match against MIAA rival Missouri Western Tuesday night.

Northwest was unable to come away with the victory, only winning one match out of four against the Griffons.

Missouri Western won the first set 32-30 and the second 26-24, taking a commanding lead.

The Bearcats came back in the third match and made key plays to come up with a 25-21 set victory.

The Bearcats rally would fall short, dropping the fourth set 25-19.

With the loss, the 'Cats drop to 4-5 and 0-1 in the MIAA. Head coach Amy Woerth said she thought her team was unable to maintain control.

Junior Brooke Bartosh recorded a game-high 16 kills and four blocks.

"They had better ball control than us tonight, and that's something we really need to improve on," Woerth said.

Woerth does not believe that her team has uncovered its potential yet in the early season.

"We are capable of being better, and that potential will come with time," Woerth said.

The Bearcats went 2-2 over the weekend at the NSIC Challenge in Sioux Falls, SD.

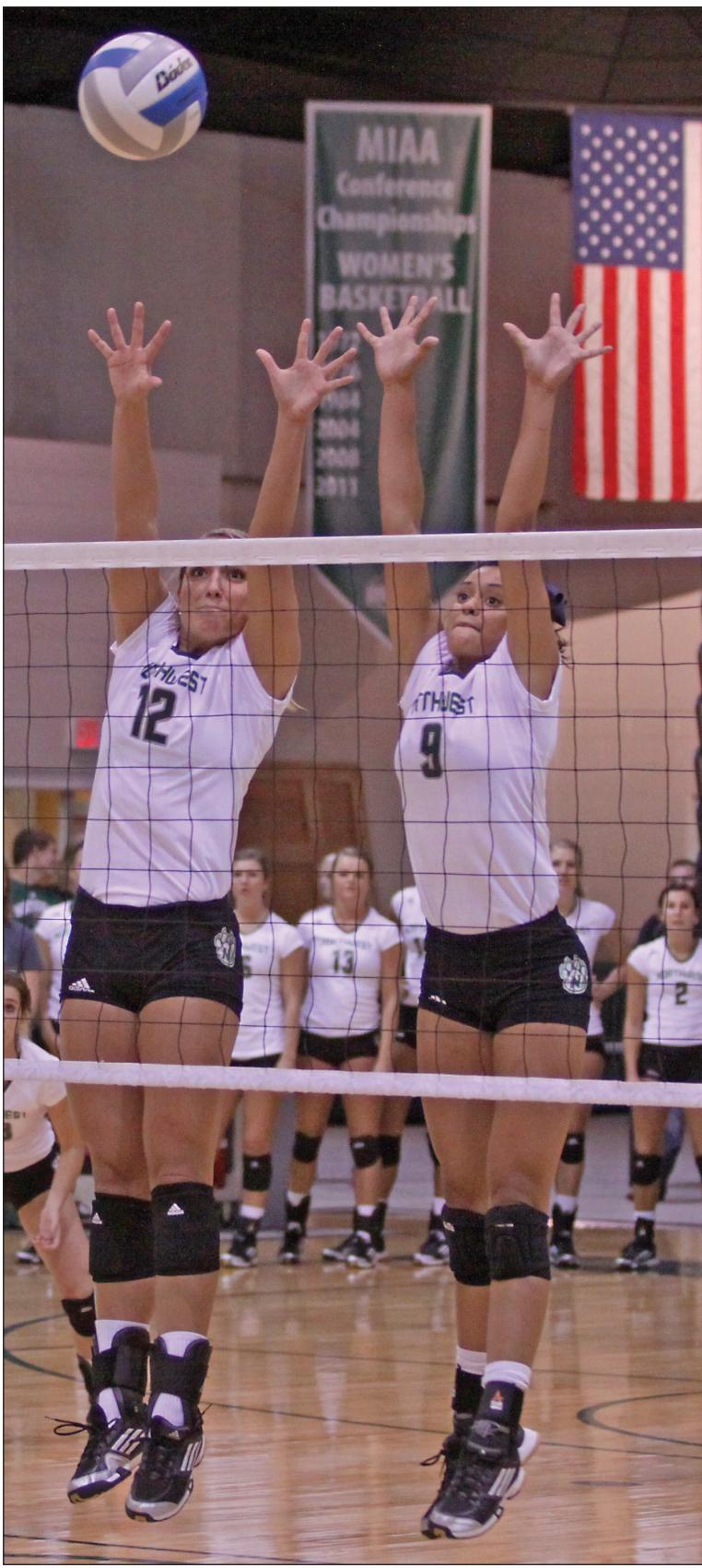
The 'Cats knocked off Minot State and St. Cloud State on Sept. 13, but received opposite results the next day, dropping matches to Sioux Falls and Augustana.

Northwest goes on the road this weekend at 7 p.m. Friday to take on Lindenwood.

STORY



Go online for story on Bearcat defensive end Colin Bevins.



KAYLA MEPELINK | NW MISSOURIAN

Freshman Miranda Foster and senior Mackie Keller go up for a block against Missouri Western Sept. 17. Northwest lost in four sets against the Griffons.

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Building Beyond Xs and Os

Will Wagner served as a graduate assistant and eventually an assistant to Tjeerdsma at Northwest from 2007-2010.



"It was an honor to work for him. He made coaching fun. Under him, I learned how to treat people, learned how to work with kids, learned how to influence them, kind of set the foundation for what our program is about at Angelo State. Everything that we do is a mirror image of how we did it at Northwest while I was there."

Bart Tatum played for Tjeerdsma at Austin College before coaching as an assistant at Northwest under Tjeerdsma for 12 years. He is now an assistant at Sam Houston State University in Texas.

"I'm a coach in large part because of (Tjeerdsma), and it goes a lot deeper than our time at Northwest ... When I think of him, I don't necessarily think of however many national title game appearances he made or national titles he won or conference championships he won; that stuff doesn't cross my mind. What crosses my mind is family because that's what we are."



Bart Tatum

Lou Tepper is the defensive coordinator at Buffalo University in New York and was Tjeerdsma's defensive coordinator for Team USA.

"I found Mel to be wonderful to work with. He gave you a job, he let you do it. He wasn't a guy that tinkered or tampered. I feel like he handled the team very well. There's no question why he's been so successful."



Lou Tepper



Coach Tjeerdsma

"(Off-field relationships) are really what it's all about. Football is a game; it's a great game. It's competitive, very popular- probably the most popular sport in the United States right now. But it's still a game. The relationships that you build through that, they last a lifetime ... I've always been very interested in our players as people and not just as players."

Matt Webb is the head coach at Maryville and spent time with Tjeerdsma as the defensive line coach for Team USA.



Matt Webb

"Can't put a price on (the time I coached with him.) Just totally valuable in not only watching coach Tjeerdsma from afar, and then over the success he's had over the years, and then to be able to work with him on the staff. Through that experience is something I'll always treasure, not only because of the Xs and Os, but because of the man he is."



Larry Kehres

Larry Kehres is now the athletic director at Mount Union in Ohio. Kehres served as Tjeerdsma's offensive coordinator for Team USA.

"We talk a lot, but probably more as friends than we do professionally sharing ideas as ADs ... When we talk, I think we enjoy more talking about friendship and our families and our wives than business."



Loren Dawson is the head coach at Austin College, Tjeerdsma's former school, where Dawson played one year for Tjeerdsma in 1987.

"He's the perfect combination of a competitor, yet at the same time or without compromising caring for the people that he is responsible for, from his staff to his players. Some guys in our profession can do one but not the other. He can do both and has done both for a number of years in a number of spots."

Loren Dawson

Legendary coach leaves mark on college football landscape through more than sport

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Legions of coaches across the sports landscape leave their prior institutions and organizations well-off, whether that be in a financial or fundamentally successful sense.

It is quite often a coach can take an undetermined group of players with a previously motiveless team and flip an atrocious win-loss record to earn praise from fans and colleagues alike.

But seldom does a Mel Tjeerdsma come along.

Tjeerdsma, now Northwest's director of athletics, did all of these things and boasts a resume with an avalanche of accolades and accomplishments, but that is not what he is remembered for.

Lead a college football team from a toxic, winless wasteland to the flowing land of milk and honey of the first 15-0 season in Division II history? Check.

Take a group of discombobulated football players who just graduated from predominantly small schools and make them world champions in roughly six weeks? Check.

But Tjeerdsma's peers during those conquests, whether it be the assistant coaches and coordinators serving under him or the players he guided, refuse to think of him as the offensive mastermind whose final national championship team averaged 42.1 points per game in 2009.

Tjeerdsma's story is recited by some, recognized by most and unheard of by few.

His collegiate career as a head coach commenced at Austin College in Sherman, Texas, where Tjeerdsma captured three conference championships before taking the helm at Northwest in 1994. He revived the Bearcats from cellar dweller to perennial title contender, scoring a trio of national championships in 1998, 1999 and 2009 before retiring after the 2010 season.

Tjeerdsma took the reins as head coach of Team USA, snaring a world championship at the 2011 International Federation of American Football World Cup in Austria. Not bad for retirement.

He then played a role in fundraising at Austin College and took over the NCAA's Coaches Connection program before returning to Maryville for his current position.

Standing in the place of traditional adjectives for legendary coaches such as "genius" or "champion" are words echoed by peers around the industry like "family" or "inspirational."

Tjeerdsma's impacted, and still is impacting, more than just America's favorite sport.

The winningest coach in Division II postseason history does not impact coaches. He does not impact players.

Mel Tjeerdsma impacts people.



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Senior running back Billy Creason dodges a Mule defender during Northwest's 28-24 comeback victory over Central Missouri Sept. 14.

Bearcats face 1st road foe in season's 3rd matchup

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Contrary to popular belief, there is no quarterback controversy at Northwest. Trevor Adams will be the starter again when the Bearcats take on Fort Hays State Saturday.

The senior quarterback struggled in his

three possessions against Central Missouri last weekend and was pulled in favor of sophomore Brady Bolles.

Adams went 2-for-6 through the air for five yards and one interception as Northwest fell into a 17-0 hole.

Bolles led the offense to a touchdown on his first possession and led the 'Cats to a 28-

24 victory, causing a stir on social media and throughout the crowd regarding who should be behind center in the next game.

"Trevor is our starting quarterback right now," head coach Adam Dorrel said. "A guy has one difficult day, and like I said after the

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NCAA still allowing slips in eligibility cracks

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The NCAA has become a monopoly, even a cartel of sorts. With its past handling of the Nevin Shapiro scandal in Miami, the NCAA and its president, Mark Emmert, have taken a huge hit to their credibility and professionalism.

Founded in 1906 to serve student athletes, the NCAA has become a fundamentally broken system that uses student athletes and their respective programs to generate revenue.

And, boy, do they ever generate revenue.

In a true capitalist way, these athletes are already becoming professionals, whether the NCAA likes it or not. It's supply and demand. That's why we have illegal payments and perks going to these players. Their talents warrant it. The market warrants it.

Colleges have entered the win-at-all-cost mentality. Breaking the rules is a barrier universities are willing to infringe upon.

The NCAA caters to Division 1 schools and has fallen into a stagnant routine of supervising these institutions. Violations of rules are reported. An investigation ensues. Sanctions occur. Dismissals follow. Public scolding from the media leads to vows to do better from the university.

The question has become who is next to go down rather than what can we do to fix this.

The student athlete is far from the overarching problem. What college student isn't trying to get

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